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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities; Information Collection Renewal;

Submission for OMB Review; Mandatory Contractual Stay Requirements for Qualified Financial Contracts

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a continuing information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning the renewal of its information collection titled “Mandatory Contractual Stay Requirements for Qualified Financial Contracts.” The OCC is also giving notice that it has sent the collection to OMB for review.

DATES: Comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: Commenters are encouraged to submit comments by e-mail, if possible. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* prainfo@occ.treas.gov.
- *Mail:* Chief Counsel’s Office, Attention: Comment Processing, 1557-0339, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street, SW., suite 3E-218, Washington, DC 20219.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* 400 7th Street, SW., suite 3E-218, Washington, DC 20219.
- *Fax:* (571) 465-4326.

Instructions: You must include “OCC” as the agency name and “1557-0399” in your comment. In general, the OCC will publish comments on www.reginfo.gov without change, including any business or personal information provided, such as name and address information, e-mail addresses, or phone numbers. Comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review – Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

You may review comments and other related materials that pertain to this information collection¹ following the close of the 30-day comment period for this notice by the following method:

- **Viewing Comments Electronically:** Go to www.reginfo.gov. Click on the “Information Collection Review” tab. Underneath the “Currently under Review” section heading, from the drop-down menu select “Department of Treasury” and then click “submit.” This information collection can be located by searching by OMB control number “1557-0339” or “Mandatory Contractual Stay Requirements for Qualified Financial Contracts.” Upon finding the appropriate information collection, click on the related “ICR Reference Number.” On the next screen, select

¹ On May 19, 2020 the OCC published a 60-day notice for this information collection, 85 FR 30021.

“View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” and then click on the link to any comment listed at the bottom of the screen.

- For assistance in navigating *www.reginfo.gov*, please contact the Regulatory Information Service Center at (202) 482-7340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shaquita Merritt, OCC Clearance Officer, (202) 649-5490 or, for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, TTY, (202) 649-5597, Chief Counsel’s Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the OMB for each collection of information that they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) to include agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. The OCC asks OMB to extend its approval of the collection in this document.

Title of Information Collection: Mandatory Contractual Stay Requirements for Qualified Financial Contracts.

OMB Control No.: 1557-0339.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: A national bank or Federal savings association (FSA) (including any subsidiary of either) that is a subsidiary of a global systemically important bank holding company that has been designated pursuant to 12 CFR 252.82 of the Federal Reserve Board’s Regulation YY; a national bank or FSA (including any subsidiary of either) that is a subsidiary of a global systemically important foreign banking organization designated pursuant to 12 CFR

252.87 of the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation YY; a Federal branch or agency (including any U.S. subsidiary of a Federal branch or agency) of a global systemically important foreign banking organization designated pursuant to 12 CFR 252.87 of the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation YY; and any national bank or FSA that is not under a bank holding company and that has more than \$700 billion in total assets as reported on its most recent Call Report.

Abstract: Under 12 CFR part 47, a covered bank is required to ensure that a covered qualified financial contract (QFC) (1) contains a contractual stay-and-transfer provision analogous to the statutory stay-and-transfer provision imposed under Title II of the Dodd-Frank Act and in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and (2) limits the exercise of default rights based on the insolvency of an affiliate of the covered bank. A covered bank is defined in 12 CFR 47.3(b) as:

- A national bank or Federal savings association that has more than \$700 billion in total assets as reported on the national bank's or Federal savings association's most recent Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report);
- A national bank or Federal savings association that is a subsidiary of a global systemically important bank holding company that has been designated pursuant to §252.82 of this title (Federal Reserve Board Regulation YY) (12 CFR 252.82);
- A national bank or Federal savings association that is a subsidiary of a global systemically important foreign banking organization that has been designated pursuant to §252.87 of this title (Federal Reserve Board Regulation YY) (12 CFR 252.87); or
- A Federal branch or agency, as defined in subpart B of this chapter (governing Federal branches and agencies), of a global systemically important foreign banking

organization that has been designated pursuant to §252.87 of this title (Federal Reserve Board Regulation YY) (12 CFR 252.87).

The requirements are intended to enhance the resilience and the safety and soundness of Federally chartered and licensed financial institutions by addressing concerns relating to the exercise of default rights of certain financial contracts that could interfere with the orderly resolution of certain systemically important financial firms.

Covered banks may comply either by amending the contractual provisions of their QFCs consistent with the requirements of §§ 47.4 and 47.5 within a specified period of time or by adhering to the International Swaps and Derivatives Association 2015 Universal Resolution Stay Protocol or U.S. Protocol (ISDA Protocols). Alternatively, 12 CFR 47.6(b)(1) provides that a covered bank may request that the OCC approve as compliant with the requirements of §§ 47.4 and 47.5 provisions of one or more forms of covered QFCs, or amendments to one or more forms of covered QFCs, with enhanced creditor protection conditions.

In order for the OCC to evaluate a covered bank's request, 12 CFR 47.6(b)(3) requires that the request include (1) an analysis of the proposal that addresses a range of factors laid out in § 47.6(d) that are intended to facilitate the OCC's consideration of whether the proposal would be consistent with the restrictions and the main objectives of the rule; (2) a written legal opinion verifying that the covered bank's proposed provisions or amendments would be valid and enforceable under applicable laws of the relevant jurisdictions, including in the case of proposed amendments, the validity and enforceability of the proposal to amend the covered QFCs; and (3) any additional information relevant to the OCC's approval that the OCC requests. Based on the information collected, the OCC will then determine whether the covered bank's proposed

alternative creditor protection conditions comply with the requirements of the rule and achieve its policy goals.

Estimated Burden:

Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Burden per Respondent: 140 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 7,000 hours.

Comments: On May 19, 2020, the OCC published a notice for 60 days of comment concerning the collection, 85 FR 30021. No comments were received. Comments continue to be solicited on:

- (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- (b) The accuracy of the OCC's burden estimates, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- (e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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